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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please add Figure 6 as filed in the Article 34 amendment of June 2, 2000. The sheet containing Figure 6 is attached hereto and marked "AMENDED SHEET".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute Claims 1-25 as originally filed, which appear on pages 22-27, with Claims 1-25 as filed in the Article 34 amendment of June 15, 2000. The pages containing Claims 1-25 are marked "AMENDED SHEET" and are attached hereto. Following the insertion of Claims 1-25, please amend these claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, cancel "or 2".